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INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 1577–1590, 1592–1614; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 94–95; and H. Res. 256–257, were introduced. **Pages H2742–44**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2744–45**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 802, to amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–54);

H.R. 327, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement a comprehensive program designed to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–55);

H.R. 1284, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans (H. Rept. 110–56);

H.R. 797, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation benefits for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–57);

H.R. 580, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to provide for a 120-day limit to the term of a United States attorney appointed on an interim basis by the Attorney General, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–58);

H.R. 1130, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to extend the authority to withhold from public availability a financial disclosure report filed by an individual who is a judicial officer or judicial employee, to the extent necessary to protect the safety of that individual or a family member of that individual (H. Rept. 110–59);

H.R. 1591, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 110–60);

H.R. 1433, to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for

purposes of representation in the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 110–52, Pt. 2); and

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2007 (H. Rept. 110–61).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Maloney to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2673**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Page H2674**

Discharge Petition: Representative Sam Johnson (TX) moved to discharge the Committees on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 220, to provide for consideration of the bill (H.R. 511) to pledge the faithful support of Congress to members of the United States Armed Forces serving in harm's way (Discharge Petition No. 1).

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a ye-and-nay vote of 265 yeas to 149 nays, with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 163.

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Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Honoring the heroic service and sacrifice of the 6,500 glider pilots of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II: H. Con. Res. 42, amended, to honor the heroic service and sacrifice of the 6,500 glider pilots of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 161. **Pages H2677–80, H2687**

Amend the title so as to read: "Honoring the heroic service and sacrifice of the glider pilots of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II". **Page H2687**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Jack Metcalf, former Member of Congress. **Page H2687**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, March 19th:

Redesignating the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the "Bob Hope Memorial Library": H.R. 759, to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the "Bob Hope Memorial Library", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 162.

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Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress notification of the continuance of the Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Act with respect to meeting certain conditions—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–20).

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Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress notification of the continuance of the Supplementary Agreement between the United States and the Kingdom of Sweden with respect to social security—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–21).

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Gulf Coast Hurricane Housing Recovery Act of 2007: The House began consideration of H.R. 1227, to assist in the provision of affordable housing to low-income families affected by Hurricane Katrina. Further consideration is expected to continue Wednesday, March 21st.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–53, shall be considered as adopted and shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment.

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Agreed to:

Corinne Brown (FL) amendment (No. 1 printed in Part B of House Report 110–53) that provides additional comparable funds for utilities to those receiving housing vouchers and

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Al Green (TX) amendment (No. 5 printed in Part B of House Report 110–53) that extends FEMA housing assistance for evacuees of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma until December 31, 2007 and provides tenant-based rental assistance upon termination of FEMA housing assistance (by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 184 noes, Roll No. 166).

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Rejected:

Hensarling amendment (No. 3 printed in Part B of House Report 110–53) that sought to require recipients of rental assistance under the bill to perform 20 hours per week of approved "work activities" (by

a recorded vote of 162 yeas to 266 noes, Roll No. 164) and

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Biggert amendment (No. 4 printed in Part B of House Report 110–53) that sought to require that, instead of replacing all pre-Katrina public housing units, only the number of public housing units occupied pre-Katrina be replaced (by a recorded vote of 198 yeas to 232 noes, Roll No. 165).

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Withdrawn:

Corinne Brown (FL) amendment (No. 2 printed in Part B of House Report 110–53) that would have provided two deadlines for residents to indicate their intent to return as well as two reoccupancy deadlines: October 1, 2007 and December 1, 2007, and would have also required HANO/HUD to assist tenants with negotiating early termination of their current leases.

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H. Res. 254, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 160, after agreeing to order the previous question.

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House of Representatives Page Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's and Minority Leader's joint appointment of Ms. Lynn Silver-Smith Klein of Maryland and Mr. Adam Jones of Michigan to the House of Representatives Page Board.

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Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives, in addition to Representative Levin, Chairman, to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representatives Kaptur, Honda, Udall (NM), Walz (MN), Manzullo, Pitts, Royce, and Smith (NJ).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2689 and H2736.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2686–87, H2687, H2688, H2688–89, H2716–17, H2717–18, and H2718. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Research and Economics. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Gale Buchanan, Under Secretary; Education and Economics; Merle D. Pierson, Deputy Under Secretary, Research Education and Economics; Edward B. Knipping, Administrator, Agriculture Research Service; Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; Katherine Smith, Acting Administrator, Economic Research Service; R. Ronald Bosecker, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service; and W. Scott Steele, Budget Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on Equal Employment Opportunities Commission. Testimony was heard from Naomi C. Earp, Chair, EEOC.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on International Trade Administration/Bureau of Industry and Security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Franklin L. Lavin, Under Secretary, International Trade; and Mark Foulon, Acting Under Secretary, Bureau of Industry and Security.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Energy: Energy Supply and Conservation/Fossil Energy/Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Kevin M. Kolevar, Director, Electricity and Energy Reliability; and Thomas D. Shope, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Determining Critical Infrastructure and How To Protect It. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: George Foresman,

Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate; Robert Stephan, Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection, and Gregory Garcia, Assistant Secretary, Cyber Security and Communications; Eileen Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues; and David Powner, Director, IT Management Issues, both with GAO.

INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the National Endowment for the Humanities/National Endowment for the Arts. Testimony was heard from Bruce Cole, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities; and Dana Gioia, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Worker Protection Agencies. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Mark Wilson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards Administration; Bradford P. Campbell, Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration; Edwin G. Foulke, Assistant Secretary, OSHA; James Carter, Deputy Under Secretary, Bureau of International Labor Affairs; and Richard E. Stickler, Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Library of Congress: Future of Digital Libraries. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Library of Congress: James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; JoAnn C. Jenkins, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Librarian; Deanna Marcum, Associate Librarian, Library Services; Laura Campbell, Associate Librarian, Strategic Initiatives; Rubens Medina, Law Librarian; Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights; and Daniel P. Mulhollan, Director, CRS.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS' AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Base Realignment and Closure. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Phil Grone, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; Keith Eastin, Assistant Secretary, Army, for Installations and Environment; B.J. Penn, Assistant